

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] One known type of glass substrate is those made of chemically strengthened glass, in which the alkali elements present near the surface of the substrate are replaced with other alkali elements in order to produce compression strain and thereby increase mechanical strength. In the manufacture of chemically strengthened glass, the process of chemical strengthening is typically performed after the process of polishing, and glass substrates that have undergone the chemical strengthening process are shipped intact as an end product without being subjected to any further process. This necessitates subjecting the glass substrates to polishing that attains flatness higher than is eventually required in order to allow for the normally unavoidable degradation of their flatness as a result of the chemical process. Moreover, if the glass substrates develop deformation as a result of the chemical process, there is no choice but to discard them as defective. This makes it difficult to achieve a sufficiently high yield rate. To overcome these inconveniences, for example, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. ~~2000-766522~~ 2000-76652 proposes a technique of subjecting glass substrates first to a chemical strengthening process and then to a polishing process with a view to improving productivity and associated results.